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SUBJ: SENEGALESE CONCERNED OVER DETERIORATION ON GROUND
IN ANGOLA

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENRAL FRANCOIS BOB REQUESTED
AMBASSADOR CALL ON HIM JAN. 26 TO DISCUSS ANGOLAN SITUATION.
HE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN AT IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. ELECTION-
YEAR POLITICS AND CONTINUED INDICATIONS THAT CONGRESS WILL
DECLINE TO SUPPORT FURTHER AMERICAN ROLE IN ANGOLA, EVEN
WHILE MPLA WAS MAKING SIGNIFICANT GAINS ON GROUND. HE SAID THAT
WHILE MPLA DID NOT ENJOY SUPPORT OF TOTALITY OF POPULATION,
WILL OF PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANT IN WELL-
ORGANIZED DICTATORIAL STATE CONTROLLED BY FORCE OF ARMS.
HE STATED VIEW THAT ANGOLAN PROBLEM WOULD NOT BE RESOLVED
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BY OAU BUT WOULD BE DETERMINED BY SITUATION ON GROUND

WHICH, IN ABSENCE OF AMERICAN SUPPORT, LOOKED INCREASINGLY BLEAK.

2. AMBASSADOR STRESSED CONTINUED DETERMINATION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO PERSEVERE IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHED POSITION IN ANGOLA, NOTING DISCUSSION OF QUESTION BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN MOSCOW AND CONTINUING WHOLE HEARTED EFFORTS TO GAIN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT. HE STRESSED NEED FOR CONTINUED AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO GAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENTUM, AND NOTED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL, IF IT TAKES PLACE, WOULD PRESENT USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO PERSUADE AFRICAN STATES WHO HAD RECOGNIZED MPLA OUT OF CONCERN OVER SOUTH AFRICAN ROLE TO REEXAMINE CHANGED SITUATION. AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED EMBASSY'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO KEEP SENEGAL INFORMED OF US VIEWS ON ANGOLA THROUGH BRIEFINGS OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND FOREIGN MINISTRY. BOB CONTINUED TO EXPRESS ACUTE CONCERN OVER SITUATION ON GROUND, BUT ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT SENEGAL PLANNED FURTHER DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, AND WOULD BE REAPPROACHING "ALL THE OTHERS" ON ANGOLAN QUESTION IN COMING MONTHS.

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